



Appendix 7

Restorative Justice

Based on the success of restorative justice efforts at the Indianapolis Re-Entry Educational Facility, the Department has begun expanding these efforts to the three Pendleton facilities (Pendleton Correctional Facility, Correctional Industrial Facility, and Pendleton Juvenile Correctional Facility).

A Restorative Justice Conference brings victims, an offender, and their respective families and supporters together with a trained facilitator to discuss the offense and its effects. The focus of a Conference is the offense itself and repairing the harm that has been done. A primary goal of this process is to have the offender take responsibility for his / her actions. The conference addresses the needs of victims and allows their voices to be heard while helping to bring closure to the incident.

Restorative Projects have been implemented for juvenile offenders at each facility as a means for youth to repair the harm they have caused to victims, communities and their families to assist with youth accountability and community safety. Another component of Restorative Justice that has been implemented at each facility is Restorative Justice Conferencing with victims, family members and others. Victim impact groups and community service projects are a major component of our treatment programs and restorative justice tenet.